

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015, BEGINNING AT
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Mayor Pepper, Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, Councilmembers Mordo, Prochnow and Satterlee

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 60484 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Pepper recognized two winners of the Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – Two cases

Mayor Pepper reported that no action was taken during the Closed Session meeting.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pepper moved item number 7 to immediately prior to item number 6.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Los Altos resident Eric Lutkin encouraged the Council to oppose Los Altos School District Resolution #14/15-18.

Marc Hannigan opposed a potential ban on swimming pools and encouraged alternative methods to conserve water.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the May 12, 2015 regular meeting.

2. Appointed Margo Horn to a first term on the Historical Commission to February 2019.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-10, accepting completion of the CIPP Corrosion Rehabilitation, Project WW-01005 and authorized the Public Works Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law.
4. Appropriated an additional \$2,952 of eligible Community Block Grant funds to the Parking Plaza Driveway Approach Improvement Project.
5. Received the Investment Portfolio Report through March 31, 2015.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Approve a modification to The Terraces of Los Altos Use Permit to allow an additional 14 months to complete construction (taken out of order)

Mayor Pepper and Mayor Pro Tem Bruins disclosed individual ex parte communication with Russell Mauk.

Senior Planner Dahl presented the report. Leigh Prince, representing The Terraces of Los Altos, presented the application.

Public Comments

Los Altos residents Elaine Wang, Christina Ammann, Gloria Hart, Jane Seligson and Diane Song expressed complaints related to the construction and facilities at The Terraces of Los Altos.

Rae Holt, Executive Director of The Terraces of Los Altos, and Jane Reed and Frank Verlot, members of The Terraces of Los Altos Advisory Board, supported the request.

Los Altos resident Derek Younkin requested more frequent updates on the progress of construction at The Terraces of Los Altos.

Leigh Prince presented the rebuttal.

Councilmember Satterlee expressed opposition to allowing an extension of 18 months to complete construction.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Prochnow, to approve a modification to The Terraces of Los Altos Use Permit to allow an extension to December 9, 2016 to complete construction.

Mayor Pepper offered an amendment, which was accepted, to require that a bi-monthly construction progress report be published. The motion, as amended, passed 4-1 by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Mordo, Pepper and Prochnow; NOES: Satterlee; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

6. Consider options for development of a Downtown Plan, and direct staff accordingly

Councilmember Prochnow recused herself due to a financial conflict of interest (owns property within the project area), stepped down from the dais and left the chamber.

City Manager Somers presented the report.

Councilmember Satterlee disclosed individual ex parte communications with Kathy Lazarus.

Public Comments

Los Altos resident Robin Abrams supported developing a vision for the Downtown and recommended setting aside funds for a consultant to develop a vision.

Los Altos resident David Smith encouraged the building of a library downtown.

Los Altos resident Catherine Nunes supported developing a vision that includes the Downtown, the Civic Center and the surrounding right-of-way.

Action: The Council generally directed staff to develop a process for moving forward with developing a vision for Downtown.

Mayor Pepper recessed the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:32 p.m.

8. Discuss establishment of water conservation measures, and direct staff accordingly

Assistant City Manager Logan presented the report.

Public Comment

Kerry Hillis, representing the Santa Clara Valley Water District, supported the recommended water conservation measures.

Michael McTighe, representing GreenTown Los Altos, encouraged the City to lead the charge in water conservation.

Action: Council members generally supported revising the Water Conservation Resolution and to explore areas of the Municipal Code to update related to conserving water.

9. Direct staff to draft a letter of support for the Environmental Protection Agency settlement against the Lehigh cement plant

City Attorney Houston presented the report.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, the Council unanimously directed staff to draft a letter of support for the Environmental Protection Agency settlement against the Lehigh cement plant.

10. Review the implementation of the Open Government Policy; adopt Resolution No. 2015-12, amending the Open Government Policy; and affirm the appointment of Mayor Pepper and Councilmember Prochnow to the Open Government Standing Committee

Councilmember Prochnow introduced the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Prochnow, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-12, amending the Open Government Policy with the modification to remove Section 4 – Comments on Agenda Items; directed the Open Government Standing Committee consider the timing of posting of agendas for special meetings in relation to Section 2 – Posting of Agendas and the audio recording of ad hoc committee meetings in relation to Section 5 – Recording of Meetings and Retention of Recordings; and affirmed the appointment of Mayor Pepper and Councilmember Prochnow to the Open Government Standing Committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-11, adopting the 2015-2023 Housing Element and Negative Declaration

Planning Services Manager Kornfield presented the report.

Mayor Pepper opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: Susan Russell, representing the League of Women Voters, encouraged the City to look at both commercial and residential linkage fees.

Mayor Pepper closed the public hearing.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, seconded by Mayor Pepper, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-11, adopting the 2015-2023 Housing Element, as modified, and Negative Declaration.

12. Introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2015-408, amending the zoning code to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the CT district and to establish parking requirements for such uses; and introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2015-409, amending the zoning code to allow single-room occupancy housing as a conditional use in the CT district

Planning Services Manager Kornfield presented the report.

Mayor Pepper opened the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak. Mayor Pepper closed the public hearing.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pepper, the Council unanimously introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2015-408, amending the zoning code to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the CT district and to establish parking requirements for such uses; and introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2015-409, amending the zoning code to allow single-room occupancy housing as a conditional use in the CT district.

Action: Council members generally directed staff to review the management standards for emergency shelters and to provide updates to the Municipal Code, as appropriate.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council reports

Councilmember Prochnow announced the Council attended the Santa Clara Valley Water District Drought Summit on May 9, 2015.

Councilmember Satterlee reported she facilitated the Downtown Buildings Committee meeting on May 21, 2015 and announced the next meeting on June 18, 2015. She further requested the City/Los Altos School District Schools Issues Standing Committee explore the Los Altos School District Resolution #14/15-18 and to address the resident concerns related to that Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruins reported on the City-wide Parking Committee on May 20, 2015. She further announced the next meetings on June 3, 2015 and June 17, 2015. She further reported she attended the following: the Valley Transportation Authority Policy Advisory Committee meeting on May 14, 2015, the Stevens Creek Trail public meeting on May 21, 2015 and the City/LASD Public Lands Committee on May 20, 2015 with Mayor Pepper. She further announced public meetings related to the Stevens Creek Trail on June 1, 2015 and June 8, 2015 and the next meeting of the City/LASD Public Lands Committee on June 10, 2015.

Mayor Pepper reported she and Councilmember Mordo attended the meeting of the North County Library Authority on May 18, 2015 and she attended the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board meeting on May 20, 2015 and the BAAQMD Climate Protection Committee on May 21, 2015. She further reported she participated in a phone call with local Mayors related to future changes on SR 85 on May 21, 2015.

Staff report

Police Chief Younis reported on the Coffee with a Cop event held on May 19, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pepper adjourned the meeting at 11:26 p.m.

Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK